

Seal Beach Police Department

Press Release



Date: **October 13, 2011**

CITY OF SEAL BEACH SETS PRESS CONFERENCE REGARDING SHOOTING INCIDENT; COMMUNITY GATHERING, HEALING PLANS UNDERWAY

The City of Seal Beach will hold a press conference at 1 p.m. today (Oct. 13) at the Seal Beach Police Substation, 820 Ocean Ave., at the base of the Seal Beach Pier, to provide information to the community about the status of the shooting investigation as well as discuss details for a candelight vigil scheduled for tonight at 8 p.m.

Seal Beach Mayor Pro Tem Gary Miller comments, "I would like to express my deep sympathy to all the families affected by yesterday's shooting. I offer my thanks to the City of Seal Beach Police Department who handled the situation with tremendous urgency and apprehended a suspect within moments of the incident. They are to be commended for this exemplary police work. I am proud of the quick and thorough response of all Seal Beach safety personnel and all of the other agencies who are assisting throughout the incident. We are indeed grateful."

Community Gathering Tonight

A candlelight vigil is planned for 8 p.m. tonight at the Salon Meritage, 500 Pacific Coast Highway. Comments will be made by city leaders, the Seal Beach Police Department chaplain, and Grace Community Church Pastor Don Shoemaker. Grief counselors will be available at the nearby Mary Wilson Library, to any community members seeking assistance. Free parking will be available at the 8th and 10th Street beach lots and free shuttles will be provided to the Mary Wilson Library.

City Manager Jill Ingram comments, "Our city has experienced a devastating tragedy. We are a close-knit community and have never experienced a devastating incident such as this. It has literally touched every person in our town. What I can say is that we are a strong and resilient community and we must now come together to help one another come to grips with this shattering experience."

Seal Beach Police Acting Chief Tim Olson comments, "Less than 24 hours ago, our community experienced the biggest tragedy in the history of our city. Like most instances of this type, the suspect was closely connected to the victim. This was an isolated incident, and Seal Beach remains a very safe community. We appreciate the quick assistance and response from our neighboring law enforcement agencies during this devastating tragedy."

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The City of Seal Beach is a Charter City located in Orange County, California. Seal Beach sits on the coast as the gateway to Orange County between the cities of Long Beach and Huntington Beach. With a population of 24,098, Seal Beach will celebrate its 95th anniversary in 2010. Governed by a five member council, who are elected by district, the city operates under the council/city manager form of government. Seal Beach has retained its quaint, small-town atmosphere. Seal Beach is the home of Leisure World, a gated senior citizen community of almost 9,000 residents. The 5,256-acre Seal Beach Naval Weapons Station, which includes the 920-acre Seal Beach National Wildlife Refuge, comprises 2/3 of the land within the 13.23 square-mile City.

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